The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I fully support the merger of direct TV and Echostar and the elimination of the NRTC DBS strangle hold in Merrimack county NH. In Merrimack County NH residents currently have to purchase satellite programming from an NRTC middleman or purchase truly inferior cable service. The proposed merger would allow residents to purchase satellite service directly from the originator of the service and would save most folks around \$ 100 per year assuming rates don•t increase.

Its time put and end to the cable monopoly, poor service quality and to eliminate the NRTC and allow true competition and programming choice in the State of NH.

Please support this merger.

Sincerely,

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